

TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005  
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alden Gray called the Selectmen's meeting of Monday, March 28, 2005 to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Alden Gray, Selectmen, Scott Grierson, Charlie Dillon & Steve Harper, Town Manager Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to accept minutes of March 21, 2005, second by Charlie Dillon. Motion passed with a show of hands 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 123 \$ 4555.22

Warrant 124 \$ 130.85

Warrant 125 \$ 4559.29

Warrant 126 \$13,654.42

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to accept warrants 123-126, second by Scott Grierson. Motion passed with a show of hands 4-0.

6. POLICE PROTECTION

A. STATE POLICE

No new information to report at this time

B. HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF

No new information to report at this time

C. SOUTHWEST HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

No new information at this time

D. MOUNT DESERT POLICE DEPARTMENT

No new information to report at this time.

E. TREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

No new information to report at this time.

F. CITIZEN CORRESPONDANCE

Town Manager Millard Billings reminded the Selectmen of the Hancock County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 8:45 AM Selectmen discussed having an informational hearing on police protection.

**Motion** made by Charlie Dillon for the Selectmen to send a letter to the Hancock County Commissioners expressing the Selectmen's unhappiness with police protection and that more coverage is needed, second by Steve Harper. Discussion: Alden Gray said that Town Manager will draft the letter. Motion passed with a show of hands 4-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. MDOT LETTER ABOUT ROAD PLANS

Alden Gray read aloud the letter drafted by Town Manager Millard Billings for the Selectmen's approval and any other issues regarding State roads in Tremont (see attached).

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to send letter as drafted to Maine Department of Transportation, second by Charlie Dillon.

Discussion: Resident Scott Harper presented the Selectmen with a petition signed by approximately 450 residents to send along with the letter to the MDOT that reads: We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Tremont, Maine, qualified to vote in all town affairs, hereby request that you take the proper action to correct the dangerous conditions that exist on State Routes 102 & 102A in the Town of Tremont. The current road hazards must be eliminated for the safety of all citizens using these roads. Motion passed with a show of hands 4-0.

B. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CLASSROOM SPACE

Tremont School Principal Peter Campbell and Superintendent of Schools Rob Liebow were present to discuss upcoming needs for classroom space. Mr. Campbell passed out an informational sheet (see attached). The School would like to renovate the Town Office space for classroom use. Town Manager mentioned that the Town would need an article at this years Town Meeting to not exceed \$600,000.00 for a new Town Office in order for the school to have time to renovate the Town Office space. The Selectmen, Peter Campbell and Rob Liebow agreed that the Community Building would still belong to the Town of Tremont not the School. Charlie Dillon said that the Tremont CIP Committee would be meeting the first of April and would like Mr. Campbell and a school Board member to attend. Chairman Alden Gray thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Liebow for coming.

C. CDBG PROCLAMATION

Hancock County Planning Commission requests the Board of Selectmen demonstrate Tremont's support of continuing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

HCPC will be attending the annual CDBG day in Augusta on April 1, 2005 to review the accomplishments of this program

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to support the CDBG, second by Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

D. EXCUSED AS OPPOSED TO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Selectman Scott Grierson submitted a letter to the Select Board (see attached) requesting a period of excused absences starting April 1, 2005 and ending June 7, 2005.

Discussion: The Town Manager spoke with MMA Legal Services who recommends that any one who is going to be absent for more than three meetings in a row inform the Board in advance. An excused absence could be allowed by the Board for reason.

**Motion** made by Charlie Dillon to grant Scott Grierson a leave of absence starting April 1, 2005 through June 7, 2005, Steve Harper seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 3 in favor, Scott Grierson abstained.

8. ANNUAL BUDGET

A. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REQUESTS

Selectmen discussed with Diane Miller, Chair of the "Seal Cove Ramp Committee", the committee's name, reserve request and operating budget.

**Motion** made by Scott Grierson to change the name of the committee from "Seal Cove Rec Facility" to "Seal Cove Ramp Committee", second by Alden Gray. Motion passed by a show of hands 3 in favor, Steve Harper abstained due to conflict of interest.

**Motion** made by Scott Grierson to change the "Seal Cove Rec Facility Reserve" to "Seal Cove Ramp Committee Reserve", second by Alden Gray. Motion passed by a show of hands 3 in favor, Steve Harper abstained. Town Manager will break up the budget request and bring it to the next Selectmen's meeting.

Brian Devisme from the Recreation Board requested to be able to expend up to \$2000.00 for scholarships for Tremont Children to attend summer camps. Selectmen Scott Grierson felt the Rec Board did not have enough information and would like the Rec Board to bring back a more detailed description of what they plan to do. Brian Devisme also requested that the Rec Board be allowed to expend up to 500.00 towards "Hoopfest".

**Motion** made by Charlie Dillon to allow the Rec Board to expend up to \$500.00 for "Hoopfest", Steve Harper seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

B. MUNICIPAL BUDGET

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to recommend passage of Article 11, Charlie Dillon seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to recommend passage of Article 12, Charlie Dillon seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to recommend passage of Article 13, Scott Grierson seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to recommend passage of Article 14, Scott Grierson seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to recommend passage of Article 15, Charlie Dillon seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to recommend passage of Article 16, Scott Grierson seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to leave agenda and go to 10. Town Manager's Report, Scott Grierson seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

10. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. A car has been abandoned on the Cape Road on the Paine property near the end of the tar. The State Police were notified and are investigating who owns the vehicle and who left it on the Paine property. Spencer Ervin is going to contact Mr. Paine to see about the removal of the car. Mr. Paine's caretakers have since been in and reported that they will take care of it.
2. The contract with David Kelley with David Kelley was amended, as the Selectmen requested, and signed by Mr. Kelley and the Town Manager. (see attached)
3. Other- Town Manager asked which roads the Selectmen would like to have done, they agreed on Mitchell Cove, Leighton Road and Kelleytown road from the Clark Point side and back in. Steve Harper would like to see a lot of ditches done. Town Manager would like roads reclaimed not resurfaces, Selectmen agree.

Selectmen agree to continue on with agenda

11. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

12. OTHER

Alden Gray asked if Jimmy Schlaefter could pick up the posted road signs out of the road. Steve Harper would like to see the trim on the wharf house painted gray not white.

13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING proposed APRIL 11, 2005

Selectmen happy with Monday, April 12, 2005 at 6:00 PM.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to return to agenda 9. OLD BUSINESS, Charlie Dillon seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S CONTRACT

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to go into executive session at 8:12 PM pursuant to title 1  
Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss the contract and  
appointment of the Town Manager, Scott Grierson seconded. Motion passed by a show of  
hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Steve Harper to come out of executive session at 8:30 PM, Scott Grierson  
seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made by Scott Grierson to accept employment agreement with Millard Billings  
from 7/1/05 thru 6/30/08, Steve Harper seconded. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

**Motion** made to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heidi Farley  
Recording Secretary

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Alden Gray

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Steve Harper

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Scott Grierson

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Charlie Dillon

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